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In re Application of:)
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James O. Farmer, et al.)
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Serial No.: **09/899,410**)
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Filed: **July 5, 2001**)
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For: **System and Method for Communicating**)
Optical Signals between a Data Service)
Provider and Subscribers)

Group Art Unit: 2633

Examiner: **Bello, Agustin**

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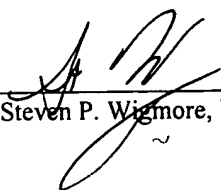
Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on April 25, 2002, please enter the following amendments. Please also re-examine and consider the application in view of these amendments and appended remarks.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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